



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Yukio TOZAWA et al.

Application No.: 09/881,698

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For: PNEUMATIC TIRE

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.:

Please change the Attorney Docket No. to -- OGW-0036 --.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 3 as set forth below in clean form. Additionally, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii), amended claim(s) is/are set forth in a marked-up version in the page(s) attached to this Amendment.

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1. (Amended) A pneumatic tire provided with a plurality of main grooves extended in a tire circumferential direction on a tread surface, wherein, with regard to a main groove having a groove width narrowed during inflation among said plurality of main grooves, both groove walls are inclined so that the groove width of the main groove becomes wider toward a groove bottom of the main groove, and a protrusion dividing a groove space of the main groove in a tire width direction is provided at the groove bottom, the protrusion having a pair of side walls and respective ones of the pair of side walls and the both groove walls being oriented parallel to each other as viewed in cross-section.